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E. O. 11652: GDS TAGS: SNAR

SUBJECT: ALLEGED STATE RESTRICTION OF DEA

REF: STATE 083084

- 1. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY ACTIONS BY THE AMBASSADOR OR OTHER EMBOFFS WHICH COULD BE CONSTRUED AS RESTRAINING OR VETOING DEA OPERATIONS IN THE SENSE OF THE WOLFF COMMITTEE CONCERNS. WE WOULD EXCLUDE AS NOT PERTINENT LAST YEAR'S REDUCTION IN DEA STAFFING WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT IN MODE CONTEXT ALONG WITH REDUCTIONS IN THE STAFFING OF OTHER AGENCIES HERE.
- 2. AMBASSADOR AND SENIOR EMBOFFS ROUTINELY EFFECT POLICY COORDINATION WITH DEA (AS WITH MANY OTHER AGENCIES REPRESENTED HERE) AND THEORETICALLY EMBASSY COULD STOP A DEA OPERATION IF IT WERE DEEMED CONTRARY TO US POLICIES IN THE PHILIPPINES. WE CAN RECALL NO INSTANCE HOWEVER WHERE THIS HAS HAPPENED.
- 3. DEA REP IS FULL MEMBER OF THE COUNTRY TEAM
 AND AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE MISSION'S NARCOTICS
 COORDINATING COMMITTEE. WE WOULD CHARACTERIZE AS
 VERY GOOD PRESENT AND PAST COORDINATION AND COOPERATION
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BETWEEN ETHE EMBASSY AND EA, AND WE BELIEVE WE ARE WORKING WELL TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE GOALS IN NARCOTICS FIELD.

A RECENT INSTANCE OF EMBASSY SUPPORT TO DEA WAS AMBASSADOR'S ENDORSEMENT OF DEA REP'S EFFORTS TO HOLD INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONFERENCE HERE NEXT YEAR (MANILA 4280).

EMBASSY ALSO AFFORDS FULL ADMIN SUPPORT TO DEA AND OCCASIONALLY PROVIDES EXTRAORDINARY ASSISTANCE SUCH AS

| TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER SERVICE FOR CONFEREES ENROUTE |
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| TO RECENT IDEA MEETING IN GUAM. |
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